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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: WILLIAM R. DUBRUL and

RICHARD E. FULTON

Application No.: 09/781,721

Filed: 12 February 2001

Title: DILATING AND SUPPORT APPARATUS

WITH DISEASE INHIBITORS AND METHODS

FOR USE

Attorney Docket No.: ARTM 1008-5

Examiner: Catherine Serke

Group: 3763

Confirmation No.: 8945

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant requests a two-month extension of time, from 4 January 2003 to 4 March 2003, in which to respond to the office action mailed 4 October 2002. The appropriate extension fee of \$205.00 is included in the enclosed check. Should it be determined that additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0869 (Client Ref. ARTM 1008-5).

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 3 March 2003

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